

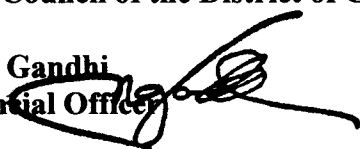
**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



The Office of the General Counsel

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** March 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Medicaid State Plan Amendment to Ensure Cooperation with the Medicaid Integrity Program Efforts Approval Resolution of 2009"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Resolution – Number Not Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

**Background**

The proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) is intended to bring the District into compliance with Section 6034 of the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.<sup>1</sup> Section 6034 established the Medicaid Integrity Program (MIP) within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).<sup>2</sup> The stated goals of the MIP are to "...[p]romote Medicaid program integrity and combat fraud, waste, and abuse," in part through the support of State Medicaid agencies "...[t]hrough a combination of oversight and technical assistance."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Law 109-171, enacted February 8, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Within the federal Department of Health and Human Services

<sup>3</sup> These quotes are taken from the most recent published CMS Comprehensive Medicaid Integrity Plan (published June 2008), which covers FY 2008 through FY 2012. It can be found online at:  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/DeficitReductionAct/Downloads/fy08cmip.pdf>

The proposed SPA simply states that the District will comply "...with such requirements determined by the Secretary<sup>4</sup> to be necessary for carrying out the Medicaid Integrity Program."

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed resolution.

Implementation of the proposed SPA would not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan since the MIP is a federal program funded entirely with federal resources. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer concurs with the District's Department of Health Care Finance that cooperating with MIP requirements would not require additional District expenditures.

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<sup>4</sup> Department of Health and Human Services.